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SUBJ: CHRISTIAN PROTEST ACTIVITY

SUMMARY: DESPITE GOVERNMENT WARNINGS REGARDING DEMANDS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES AND CRITICISM, CHRISTIAN GROUPS CONTINUE ANTI GOVERNMENT PROTEST. END SUMMARY.

1. ON JAN 2 THERE WAS PROTEST MARCH OF 2,500 STUDENTS AND YOUNG CHURCH LEADERS FROM YONGNAK CHURCH TO CITY HALL AND CHOSUN HOTEL AREA WHERE THEY DISPERSED WITHOUT POLICE INTERVENTION. ENTIRE DEMONSTRATION OCCURRED DURING THREE DAY (JAN 1-3) PRAYER MEETING UNDER THEME "CHRIST TO THE FIFTY MILLION NATION." ACCORDING TO NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES SOURCES, PRAYER MEETING WAS NON-POLITICAL, BUT SPEAKERS AND AUDIENCE DID MANIFEST THEIR SUPPORT FOR RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY. PRIOR TO JAN 2, STUDENTS HAD ADOPTED A RESOLUTION "TO STRUGGLE AGAINST ANY CHALLENGE THAT THREATENS THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY." ON LEAVING CHURCH THEY CARRIED SIGNS "GIVE FREEDOM TO THE OPPRESSED."

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2. RALLY ENDED ON JAN 3 AT IMJIN CHURCH NEAR FREEDOM

BRIDGE WITH MASS SERVICE FOR VICTIMS OF COMMUNIST
AGGRESSION AND PRAYERS FOR NATIONAL REUNIFICATION.
THERE WERE NO ANTI-GOVERNMENT MANIFESTATIONS ON THAT
OCCASION AND GOVERNMENT WAS REPRESENTED BY UNIFICATION
MINISTER KIM YONG-SIK.

3. ON JAN 4 KOREAN CHRISTIAN STUDENT FEDERATION AT
MEMBERSHIP MEETING PLEDGED SUPPORT OF ANTI-GOVERNMENT
SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN AND DEMANDED NEW PRESIDENTIAL
ELECTIONS.
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